

## Focus and Priority School Requirements

### Focus Schools

	2012-2013	2013-2014
Focus School	A, B, C or D	D
Focus School	D	B or C

#### Legal requirements for Focus Schools:

1. Analyze school data
2. Identify “Primary Areas for Improvement” (PAIs), minimum two
3. Create SMART goals
4. Determine specific interventions - no minimum number of interventions are required for Focus schools
5. Align interventions to the Turnaround Principle(s) that are most appropriate for the identified needs of subgroup populations - no minimum number of Turnaround Principles are required for Focus schools
6. **By November 30, 2014:** Submit the Student Achievement Plan to your IDOE Outreach Coordinator
7. **School Year 2014-15:** Participate in one monitoring visit
8. Collaborate with IDOE Outreach Coordinators to identify needs and secure resources to assist school improvement

### Priority Schools

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-14
Priority School	D	D	B, C, D or F
Priority School	D or F	D or F	B, C, D or F
Priority School			F

#### Legal Requirements for Priority Schools:

1. Analyze school data
2. Identify “Primary Areas for Improvement” (PAIs), minimum three
3. Create “SMART” goals
4. Determine specific interventions – a minimum of three interventions are required for Priority schools
5. All interventions must be aligned to all 8 of the Turnaround Principles for Priority schools
6. **By November 30, 2014:** Submit the Student Achievement Plan to IDOE
7. Evaluate principals to determine:
  - a. Ability to lead the turnaround work
  - b. Past track record of improving student achievement
8. **February 28, 2015:** For principals serving in a Priority school three or more years, the superintendent must submit the “Ensuring Strong Leadership” document including evidence and data to IDOE and follow the ensuring strong leadership guidance provided.
9. **By February 28, 2015:** For principals serving in a Priority school either year 1 or year 2, the Superintendent must submit an “Assurance Letter” with principal’s resume and describe how the principal was intentionally selected to lead the turnaround school.
10. **By February 28, 2015:** If the principal is being removed and replaced, the Superintendent must submit the “removal and replacement” letter.
11. **School year 2014-15:** Participate in two monitoring visits
12. Collaborate with IDOE Outreach Coordinators to identify needs and secure resources to assist school improvement

13. \_\_\_\_ **By January 1, 2015**: Conduct a public hearing and allow public testimony concerning the school's improvement status
14. \_\_\_\_ **By February 1, 2015**: Submit your public hearing notice to IDOE

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